

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SETTING UP OF ARMY COLLEGE OF DENTAL SCIENCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Army College of Dental Sciences (ACDS) is being set up near Secunderabad;
- (b) if so, whether this college is meant exclusively for the children of serving and retired personnel of the army;
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure that students are not compelled to serve only defence forces after completing their graduation or post-graduation in dental sciences; and
- (d) the time by which this college is likely to start functioning?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) The Army Welfare Education Society is setting up an Army College of Dental Sciences at Secunderabad.
- (b) 34 seats are reserved, exclusively, for the children of the serving and the retired Army personnel and 6 seats are reserved for allotment to the students of Andhra Pradesh State.
- (c) The students will be under no compulsion to join the Armed Forces.
- (d) The College is likely to start functioning in the academic session, commencing in July, 2001.